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## M'LEOD LEADS BY BIG VOTE

EARLY RETURNS SHOWED THAT BISHOPVILLE CANDIDATE FAR OUT-STRIPPED HIS OPPONENT.

Early returns from The Columbia Record and The State last night, borne out by later returns, clearly indicated last night that Thos. G. McLeod, of Bishopville, had won the Democratic nomination for governor of South Carolina over Cole L. Blease, former governor, by a large majority. By almost a similar majority J. H. Hope, of Union, was nominated over J. E. Swearingen for superintendent of education.

Long distance bulletin before going to press last night said that The State had announced the election of Thos. G. McLeod on the face of the following tabulation:

For Governor	
Cole L. Blease	75,779
Thos. G. McLeod	91,121
For State Supt. of Education	
J. H. Hope	92,627
J. E. Swearingen	64,930

This report included complete returns from many counties and partial returns from every county in the state except Calhoun, Dorchester and McCormick.

## COMMITTEE REFUSES TO REVERSE ITSELF

John D. W. Watts Finally Declared Nominee of Party for County Supervisor.

By a vote of 22 to 3 the County Democratic Executive Committee Thursday refused to reverse itself in the protest brought by W. M. Nash, defeated candidate for county supervisor, in an effort to have the first primary election for this office declared a tie and the race run a second time. The committee held its session in the court house Thursday morning. R. E. Babb and James H. Sullivan appeared for John D. W. Watts, the successful candidate, while W. B. Knight, of the local bar, and Proctor A. Bonham, of Greenville, appeared for Mr. Nash. The meeting was presided over by C. A. Power, county chairman, and stenographic notes of the proceedings were taken.

The case for Mr. Nash, as advanced by his attorneys, rested on the question of the right of the committee to count a blotted ballot for Mr. Watts and to throw out a mutilated ballot which Mr. Nash contended was intended for him. At the request of Mr. Bonham these ballots were brought before the committee and examined. Mr. Willis Putnam, main witness for Mr. Nash, testified that on Thursday, the first day of the executive committee's session last week, this ballot had a faint pencil mark through the name of Mr. Watts, indicating that it was intended to be cast for Mr. Nash, but that on the second day, when the final recount was made, the faint mark had disappeared. Mr. Haskell Gray, another Nash witness, testified that he had seen a faint mark on the back of the ballot but that he did not recall seeing a mark on the front. Capt. J. W. Lanford, called to the stand to testify as to the mark on the ballot, was recalled soon after being put on the stand as he said he had no recollection of seeing any mark on the ballot.

The attorneys for Mr. Watts contended that the torn ticket had evidently been mutilated by election managers when it had been forced into the box, and that the voter had voted for neither of the candidates. The blot on the other ticket, they contended, was clearly the result of an accident on the part of someone who had handled the ticket later, since the voter showed no signs of having had ink. Since the name of Nash was struck out by pencil, the vote they contended was doubtless intended for Watts as decided by the committee.

P. A. Bonham, counsel for Mr. Nash argued that there was no evidence that the voter of the blotted ticket did not have a pen. Voters often made out their ballots he said, in some eccentric way, and this one had evidently changed his mind at the last minute, and had decided to vote for neither candidate. He contended that the mutilated ticket was intended as a vote for Mr. Nash. Since there was still some doubt as to who was really elected, he believed that a new election at the time of the second primary should take place.

When a vote was taken the committee's original judgment was upheld by

## COUNTY RACES CLOSELY CONTESTED

BARNETT DEFEATS BROWNING FOR LEGISLATURE BY LESS THAN 200 VOTES. MISS WOFFORD ELECTED SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

Complete returns from all county boxes last night showed that the three races for county offices were closely contested. J. O. Barnett, of Clinton, defeated James L. Browning, of Goldville, for the third seat in the House of Representatives. Barnett's vote was 2655 and Browning's vote was 2510. The two other representatives elected in the first primary are Carroll D. Nance and W. L. Gray.

In the race for Superintendent of Education Miss Kate V. Wofford secured 2971 votes, defeating Ben A. Sullivan, Jr., who secured 2185. Miss Wofford left last night for Cary, N. C., where she will be lady principal of the public schools. She does not take office until next July.

In the race for county commissioner A. H. Moore received 2755 votes, defeating A. B. Blakely who received 2416. Both of these men have served together as commissioners, Mr. Blakely for the past six years and Mr. Moore for the past four years.

## SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY MORNING

Considerable Increase in Enrollment Over Last Year.

The Laurens City Schools opened Monday with a total enrollment of 703 for the two schools, the Central School and the Laurens Mill School. The enrollment shows a substantial increase over last year, the total number of pupils in the schools last year being 601. Especially noticeable are the figures for the high school, there being 227 pupils this year as compared with 203 last year.

There were no exercises to mark the opening of the schools as the auditorium was out of use. A medical examination of all the pupils has been made. Several children have neglected to be vaccinated, which is necessary under the law. Classwork in the various departments began Tuesday, with the exception of the Home Economics Department where there is no teacher. As yet no one has been found to take the place of Miss Verlie Bauknight, resigned.

The total enrollment by classes is as follows:

Central School: first grade, 42; second grade, 55; third grade, 61; fourth grade, 52; fifth grade, 56; sixth grade, 55; seventh grade, 47; eighth grade, 78; ninth grade, 74; tenth grade, 44; eleventh grade, 31. Total enrollment, 595.

Laurens Mill School: First grade, 41; second grade, 29; third grade, 17; fourth grade, 21. Total enrollment, 108.

## INCREASE NOTED IN EMPLOYMENT

Washington, Sept. 9.—Employment showed an increase during August as compared with July depicting the soundness of business despite the rail and fuel situation, according to the department of labor's industrial analysis. Out of 65 leading cities 39 reported increased employment, 28 reported decreases.

Employment conditions in Virginia improved considerably during August, with heavy increases evident in Textiles, lumber and leather, while the demand for farm laborers was bolstered by harvesting. Food and kindred products, iron and steel, chemicals, metal and metal products, tobacco, vehicle and miscellaneous industries also reported slight increases in employment in the state.

In North Carolina, lumber and textile mills recalled a number of workers and demand for farm laborers increased, with industrial improvement generally shown.

South Carolina textile plants and farms provided employment for a number who were idle the previous month. Fuel and transportation difficulties apparently were offset.

Fair recovery was recorded in the textile and vehicle industries of Georgia, with slight increases in stone, clay and glass employment.

a vote of twenty-two to three and Mr. Watts declared the nominee by two votes. There were twenty-eight of the thirty-six members of the committee present.

## SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 12, 1922.

	H. of Rep.	Su. of Ed.	Co. Com.	Governor	Su. of Ed.					
	J. O. Barnett	James L. Browning	Ben A. Sullivan, Jr.	(Miss) Kate V. Wofford	A. B. Blakely	A. H. Moore	Cole L. Blease	Thomas G. McLeod	J. H. Hope	J. E. Swearingen
Watts Mills	84	178	146	115	86	174	218	45	143	118
Gray Court	136	89	102	120	80	145	83	143	129	96
Youngs	49	53	35	64	38	63	56	37	64	39
Lydia Mill	49	59	47	61	76	30	84	24	39	68
Renno	47	21	24	45	39	30	10	56	53	14
Barksdale-Nannie	39	29	15	53	17	51	18	50	34	34
Lanford	35	32	33	34	41	26	10	56	44	21
Daniel's Store	47	21	37	31	27	39	40	28	30	28
Trinity-Ridge	26	39	28	36	6	58	17	45	45	19
Laurens City	455	403	360	503	267	590	196	676	515	355
Clinton City	366	274	184	459	534	107	123	529	337	308
Clinton Mill	56	107	100	63	107	56	140	24	131	33
Mt. Pleasant	42	26	43	25	13	54	59	9	58	10
Hickory Tavern	58	105	105	59	70	93	133	30	95	68
Owings	65	38	36	67	23	80	15	88	29	74
Ora	46	16	19	44	23	40	15	48	35	28
Laurens Mill	139	115	164	91	128	126	222	34	146	110
Goldville	3	141	91	54	92	52	100	43	73	70
Hopewell	41	32	15	62	56	21	30	48	58	18
Cross Hill	140	105	99	147	112	132	71	176	116	130
Shiloh	25	47	26	44	25	47	31	42	30	43
Waterloo	39	65	42	61	47	56	30	74	51	53
Stewart's Store	49	24	24	48	28	45	29	44	28	45
Mountville	70	31	32	68	62	39	33	68	39	61
Thompson's Store	43	67	26	82	76	34	68	42	47	60
Grays	11	33	34	10	7	57	34	10	2	42
Cook's Store	29	57	32	53	37	50	36	51	40	46
Langston	61	18	17	61	32	47	35	45	51	29
Poplar Springs	82	95	42	133	42	132	68	109	55	122
Princeton	20	29	19	30	23	26	25	23	15	34
Woodville	84	52	75	61	81	50	70	66	81	55
Pleasant Mound	55	13	14	53	24	41	27	41	27	40
Albion	44	8	19	33	16	36	31	21	39	13
Albion	64	50	56	58	26	88	96	18	62	52
Mt. Olive	38	14	32	21	35	17	16	37	4	49
Tip Top	17	25	22	20	21	20	39	3	28	14
Total	2655	2510	2195	2971	2416	2755	2308	2883	2765	2383

## SERIOUS ALTERCATION ON STREETS SATURDAY

W. W. Smith Struck Over the Head by Pierce Curry and Is Carried to Spartanburg Hospital.

W. W. Smith, who was seriously injured about the head Saturday afternoon in an altercation with Pierce Curry, local farmer and stock dealer, was reported from a Spartanburg hospital yesterday as doing well after an operation Monday morning. Doctors were quoted as saying that he would be well enough to come home in a few days.

The altercation took place just outside of Mr. Curry's barn on one of the back streets of the city about six o'clock Saturday afternoon. Different versions of the account are given, but reliable information is to the effect that trouble started in the barn when Smith, who works on Curry's place in the country, asked for an advance in money to secure clothing for his children about to enter school. The difficulty was renewed outside the stable where Curry struck Smith over the head several times with a piece of heavy timber, inflicting such severe wounds that at one time it appeared doubtful whether the wounded man would recover. Curry was taken in charge by police officers and was later released on bond in the sum of \$1,000. Smith was carried to the Spartanburg hospital by friends of Curry on the advice of local physicians.

The difficulty took place in the presence of Smith's little boy and a number of other witnesses.

## Exercises at Rocky Springs

An entertainment will be given at Rocky Springs church Friday night at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of the Sunday School library. The public is invited to attend and help the cause.

Mrs. William Thomas, of Duncan, has been visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. C. L. Owens, for a few days.

Miss Nannie Kate Hudgens has returned to Greenville to take up her work at Greenville Woman's College.

## Mrs. Janie Oxner Hill

Mrs. Janie Oxner Hill, wife of A. E. Hill, died Saturday night at the Hill home at Cold Point, and was laid to rest Sunday afternoon at Mount Olive church in Waterloo township, the funeral services being conducted by Chas. B. Bobo, of Laurens. Mrs. Hill was stricken several days ago with paralysis. No children survive her.

## Wins Furman Scholarship

T. Cecil Brown, son of T. B. Brown, of Laurens, has been declared the winner of the Laurens county scholarship in Furman University. The young man is a graduate of the Laurens High School. The scholarship, which is provided by the trustees of Furman University is awarded in competitive examination.

## JURORS DRAWN FOR CRIMINAL COURT

To Convene September 25th and to Continue Two Weeks. Judge Rice to Preside.

Jury Commissioners met yesterday morning and drew two sets of petit jurors for the two weeks' term of criminal court to convene September 25th. Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken will preside.

The following jurors were drawn:

First Week

Dials—B. H. Gray, R. W. Curry, J. B. Childress, C. W. Abercrombie, Hunter—Graham Bothwell, Jr., W. E. Jones, F. A. Buchanan, D. A. Richardson, R. C. Watts, Jacks—L. O. Ray, J. M. Hatton, Laurens—W. H. Crews, J. L. Wasson, G. C. Guinn, J. B. Thompson, W. E. Clardy, J. W. Todd, Jr., Sullivan—W. M. Stone, J. C. Putnam, T. I. Freeman, C. E. Wasson, A. J. Monroe, Robt. A. Stewart, Scuffletown—W. R. Anderson, R. L. Smith.

Waterloo—J. Wade Culbertson, J. N. Jones, W. C. Mitchell, Guy E. Moore.

Cross Hill—R. F. Walker, J. D. Hill, F. S. Cole.

Youngs—J. D. Stewart, E. H. Garrett, E. L. Riddle, J. P. Kellett.

Second Week

Dials—B. W. Martin, T. H. South, S. R. Nelson, J. D. Hunter, W. Z. Ball, M. R. Hunter, J. D. Grayden.

Hunter—P. S. Jeans, J. A. Tinsley, J. K. Burdett, S. W. Sumerel.

Jacks—C. H. McCravy, W. L. Lynn, Thos. P. Weir.

Laurens—S. J. Avery, T. L. Monroe, J. E. Lollis, M. H. Hunter, E. P. Milam.

Sullivan—L. C. Knight, W. H. Mahon, Scuffletown—D. M. McClintock, J. J. Smith.

Waterloo—W. W. Davis, J. Walter Moore, T. J. Brisset, G. W. Hendrix.

Cross Hill—W. W. Owens, H. E. Hitt, S. H. Goggans, R. F. Spearman.

Youngs—B. K. Garrett, S. M. Benjamin, L. N. Cook, W. R. Stevens, W. P. Patten.

Wanted in Greenville

Willie Jones, a negro wanted in Greenville county for murder, was arrested at Enoree Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Owings and brought here for safe-keeping until Sunday morning when he was turned over to Greenville authorities. Jones was located at Enoree by Sheriff Reid, who sent his deputy to make the arrest.

## Colyer Barksdale Still at Large

Collyer Barksdale, the negro alleged to have been the slayer of R. M. Oxner near Goldville on the night of September 3rd, has so far eluded arrest. Officers are still seeking for his whereabouts and Sheriff Reid yesterday said that he thought an arrest would be effected in course of time.

## MANY BANDS GATHER AT WATTS MILLS

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED OF BANDS IN UPPER CAROLINA FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

By invitation, 200 band men from various textile plants in the upper part of the state, with several hundred friends, met on the beautiful playgrounds of the Watts Mills village Saturday afternoon. Mr. E. G. Jessee, superintendent of the Watts Mills, called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Geo. M. Wright, president of Watts Mills, who made a brief and very happy address of welcome in behalf of the management and people of Watts Mills. Mr. Z. F. Wright, president of Newberry Cotton Mills, was introduced, and made the response to the welcome address. Col. J. M. Davis, superintendent of Newberry Mills, was then called on to state the object of the meeting, which he did in substance as follows:

That this meeting was called for the single purpose that band men of the different textile plants could meet once a year and become better acquainted; that they get together in closer fellowship; that the organization is not to be a union, or to fix what price each many or band should receive for his services, but purely a social organization.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. W. S. Nickerson, director of the Watts Mills band, who formed a large circle of 200 musicians which formed one large band, and under his direction played three snappy marches. Mr. Nickerson, who was the originator of the idea, has spent freely of his time and energy to make this organization a success, and to him is due a large share of the credit for making our first meeting so pleasant.

An organization was gone into and the following officers were elected. The organization shall be known as the Carolina Textile Band Association.

L. E. Bishop, president, Laurens.

D. B. Chandler, secretary, Newberry.

J. S. Pruitt, treasurer, Williamston.

Board of Directors: W. H. Hademan, Newberry Mills, Newberry; J. C. Darby, Greenwood; W. H. Callas, Mollohon Mills, Newberry; E. B. Waits, Oakland Mills, Newberry; W. F. Howard, Whitmire; B. C. Babb, Pelzer; J. W. Holliday, Williamston; G. C. Crumpton, S. Greenwood; W. M. Thomason, Laurens.

On motion, the board of directors will meet at some early date and formulate Constitution and By-Laws and select the next annual meeting place.

The following bands attended:

Jordan Concert Band, J. C. Darby, Director, S. Greenwood.

Abney Concert Band, Ed. Miles, Director, Greenwood.

Smythe Concert Band, R. W. Hem-bree, Director, Pelzer.

Gossett Concert Band, J. S. Pruitt, Director, Williamston.

Glenn-Lowery Concert Band, S. B. Pruitt, Director, Whitmire.

Oakland Concert Band, O. O. Reighley, Director, Newberry.

Mollohon Concert Band, W. A. Wherry, Director, Newberry.

Newberry Concert Band, Van H. Lewis, Director, Newberry.

Watts Mills Band, W. S. Nickerson, Director, Laurens.

Mr. A. K. Patterson, Director of Abbeville Mills Band, and several band men from other places were present and an invitation was extended them to have their bands with us at the next annual meeting.

## Charlie Babb's Death

Charlie Babb a well known citizen of Merna section, Gray Court, Route 4, died at his home Tuesday evening after a few hours illness. The death came as a great shock to all. The deceased was only 27 years old.

The funeral services were held at Rabun Creek church of which he had been a member since a boy, and services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Baldwin.

The death of Mr. Babb removed a good citizen, a faithful husband and a kind father. He leaves to mourn his death a widow and three children, a mother, five brothers and one sister.

## Ice Cream Supper

There will be an ice cream supper at the Barksdale-Nannie school building on next Friday night, the 15th. The public is invited.

## DOUBLE HOMICIDE NEAR CROSS HILL

W. B. BOYD AND JOHN BOYD, FATHER AND SON, KILL EACH OTHER IN GUN BATTLE MONDAY.

William Boyd, age 50 years, and John Boyd, his 23 year old son, are both dead as a result of a gun battle which took place between the two at their home below Cross Hill on the old John Pinson place Monday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock. The elder Boyd died a few minutes after the tragedy with one frontal bullet wound in the region of the heart, one in the right chest and another behind the left shoulder. John Boyd lingered until one o'clock Tuesday morning when he died as a result of a shot-gun wound in the abdomen.

According to reports from the coronor's inquest and from persons returning from the scene of the tragedy, the double killing was the result of a general row between the two men started either by harsh treatment of smaller children in the family by the elder Boyd or as a result of a quarrel over a broken fruit jar of whiskey which officers later found in the rear of the Boyd house. The elder Boyd was under indictment for violation of the prohibition laws and was to have been tried at the approaching term of court.

According to the story as told at the inquest by Eugene Boyd, a younger son, John Boyd championed the cause of the younger children when Will Boyd was severely whipping them for not having been in the cotton fields when they had gone to a neighbor's house to bring back an infant baby who had been left with a neighbor on account of the sickness of its mother. A fight between father and son ensued, which ended with a threat by Will Boyd to clean out the whole house. Picking up his shot gun and a hand full of shells he went out in front of the house where he challenged John Boyd to come and fight it out. John Boyd went out with his pistol and in a few minutes promiscuous shooting began, the father firing first with the shot-gun and John Boyd following with three rapid shots with his pistol.

Lucile Boyd, a daughter, testified along the same lines as her brother but said that she did not hear her father call her brother out of the house. She said that she was lying down and did not see who fired the first shot.

According to officers returning from the scene, one of the children led them to a broken fruit jar of whiskey in the rear of the house. According to him, he first heard father and son quarreling as if about the broken whiskey vessel, the father demanding of John with an oath "What did you do that for?" Immediately after this, the child said the firing began but he did not know who started it.

Coroner Owings held an inquest over the body of Will Boyd Monday afternoon and over the body of John Boyd yesterday morning. Verdicts returned by the juries were in accord with the above facts.

William Boyd was the father of twelve children. His wife returned Saturday from a Spartanburg hospital where she had been sent for treatment.

## Preaching at Gray Court

Rev. C. T. Squires will preach at Dorroh Presbyterian church at Gray Court next Sunday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock.

## Picnic by Christian Endeavor

About sixty-three members of the Senior and Intermediate societies of the Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church and their guests enjoyed a picnic Thursday afternoon at the country club. After a delightful swim in the lake supper was served.

## SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We remind school teachers and college students of the special subscription rate of \$1.00 for the school year. Subscriptions are payable in advance. In order that these subscriptions may be entered at the same time and on the same section of the mailing list, we urge those expecting to subscribe to do so before leaving home.

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